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For: ALTERNATOR FOR USE IN A VEHICLE
Group: 2834
Examiner: H. Nguyen

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 27, 2002

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002.

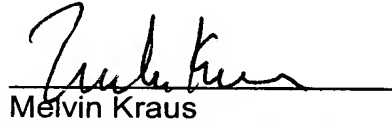
The requirement for restriction to one of the inventions identified as invention I - claims 1-10, drawn to the alternator with a cooling fan, classified in class 310, subclass 58, and invention II - claims 11-15, drawn to alternator with a coupler member, classified in class 310, subclass 52, is traversed based upon the Examiner's mischaracterization of the inventions II and I as being related as combination and subcombination and the utilization of the requirements of MPEP §806.05(c) for showing of distinctness, which is considered to be improper. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

In order to provide a complete response to the restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, invention I - claims 1-10.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants request withdrawal of the Office Action and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (520.41115X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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